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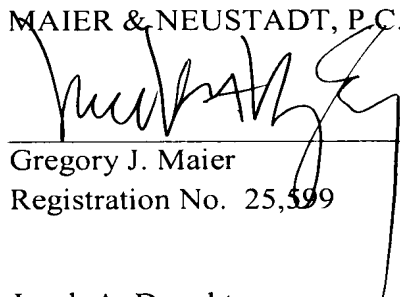
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REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONSIDERATION OF CITED REFERENCES WITH
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Applicants filed Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) on July 31, 2001 and September 22, 2003 citing various references for consideration by the Examiner. The Examiner forwarded to Applicants' representative copies of the Forms PTO-1449 filed with the July 31, 2001 IDS and the September 22, 2003 IDS acknowledging with his initials that many of the references cited therein had been considered. However, the Examiner failed to indicate that several of the references had been considered. In particular, the Examiner failed to indicate that the following references had been considered:

- (1) Holzworth et al., Angew. Chem. 110, No. 19
- (2) Cong et al., Angew. Chem. 111, No. 4
- (3) Orschel et al., Angew Chem. 111, No. 18

- (4) Ertl, Handbook of Heterogenous Catalysis, Vol. 1-5 (cover pages, title pages, outlines, tables of contents)

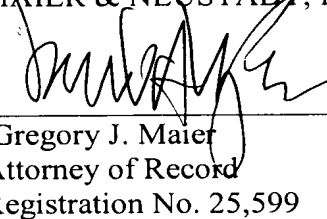
The July 31, 2001 IDS and the September 22, 2003 IDS were submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98, as detailed in MPEP §609.04(a). Of particular import, a concise explanation of their relevance can be found in the present specification at paragraphs [0004], [0005], [0008] and [0081]. As discussed in MPEP §609:

Once the minimum requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 37 CFR 1.98 are met, the examiner has an obligation to consider the information. There is no requirement that the information must be prior art references in order to be considered by the examiner. Consideration by the examiner of the information submitted in an IDS means nothing more than considering the documents in the same manner as other documents in Office search files are considered by the examiner while conducting a search of the prior art in a proper field of search. The initials of the examiner placed adjacent to the citations on the ** PTO/SB/08A and 08B or its equivalent mean that the information has been considered by the examiner to the extent noted above.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial the attached Forms PTO-1449 to indicate that the references identified above have been considered, and return copies of the initialed forms to the undersigned.

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Cited References